

**Projects for Initiating Recreation Programs
for Individuals with Disabilities
(CDFA No. 84.128J)**

I. Legislation

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended in 1993, P.L. 93-112, Title III, Part B, Section 316, as amended by P.L. 102-569 and P.L. 103-73 (29 U.S.C. 777(f)) (expires September 30, 1997).

II. Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
1982	\$ 1,884,000	1990	\$ 2,588,000
1983	2,000,000	1991	2,617,000
1984	2,000,000	1992	2,617,000
1985	2,100,000	1993	2,596,000
1985	2,105,000	1994	2,596,000
1985	2,330,000	1995	2,596,000
1987	2,470,000	1996	2,596,000
1988	2,620,000		
1989			

III. Analysis of Program Performance

A. Goals and Objectives

The goal of this program is to initiate programs of recreational activities for individuals with disabilities.

B. Strategies to Achieve the Goals

Services Supported

Activities carried out under this program are designed to aid in employment and to maximize mobility, socialization, independence, and community integration for individuals with disabilities. Projects are located in independent living centers, universities, public and private rehabilitation facilities, school districts and small community-based service organizations in 16 states across the nation. As of FY 1995, these projects had served more than 43,900 individuals with disabilities. homemaking, camping, dance, 4-H activities, scouting, physical education and sports, vocational skills development, leisure education, leisure networking, leisure resource development, and related recreational activities.

Strategic Initiatives

Program funds are distributed in such a way as to encourage grantees to assume full fiscal responsibility. The federal share of the costs of the recreation programs is 100 percent for the first year of the grant, 75 percent for the second year, and 50 percent for the third year. Each grantee is required to provide information on how the project will meet its matching requirement and increase its share of project costs during the second and third years of operation. Grantees must identify the sources and amounts of matching funds, and the means by which the project will sustain itself after the termination of federal grant support.

C. Program Performance—Indicators of Impact and Effectiveness

Each grant recipient is monitored (through teleconference) twice a year. Each grantee is evaluated on the progress made toward achieving the goals and objectives cited in the grant application. If appropriate, the grantee receives technical assistance in order to meet the stated goals and objectives of the grant application.

IV. Planned Studies

As required by the new performance indicators for this program, the program will conduct specific studies to learn the number of persons who benefitted from recreation activities as determined by increased employment opportunities, mobility, socialization, independence, and community integration, and the number of recreation programs that continue after federal funding ceases. The studies will also ascertain whether the grantees maintained the same level of support to clients after federal support decreased in the second and third years. The results of these studies are expected in FY 1999. In addition, in FY 1998, the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) will sponsor a National Recreation Project Directors' meeting to provide a format for funded projects to share information about their programs and to discuss various issues concerning the recreation program.

V. Sources of Information

1. Program files.
2. Teleconference for further information.

VI. Contacts for Further Information

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